

**MINUTES OF THE
INFRASTRUCTURE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuesday, June 19, 2018 • 8:30 a.m. • 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Senate Chair
Rep. Gage Froerer, House Chair
Rep. Walt Brooks, House Vice Chair
Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg
Sen. David G. Buxton
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Karen Mayne
Rep. Craig Hall
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway
Rep. John Knotwell
Rep. A. Cory Maloy
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson

Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Mike Schultz

Members Absent:

Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Rep. Michael K. McKell
Rep. Dixon M. Pitcher

Staff Present:

Mr. Brian Wickle, Senior Economist
Ms. Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary
Mr. Ryan A. Mortenson, Staff Economist

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Call to Order

Vice Chair Walt Brooks called the meeting to order at 8:39 A.M.

2 . Office of the Inspector General of Medicaid Services Review

Mr. Ryan Mortenson, Staff Economist, Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst, introduced an audit on Medicaid services.

Mr. Kade Minchey, Audit Manager, Office of the Legislative Auditor General (OLAG) and Matt Harvey, Lead Performance Auditor, (OLAG), gave an audit review of 2017 Medicaid Services and Expenditures.

[3a1-A Performance Audit of the Utah Office of the Inspector General of Medicaid Service - Number 2018-03](#)

[3a2-A Performance Audit of the Utah Office of the Inspector General of Medicaid Service - Slides](#)

Sen. Anderegg asked what the reason is for the lack of oversight and how to stop the waste. Mr. Minchey and Mr. Harvey responded, and Mr. Harvey continued with his presentation.

Sen. Hillyard asked about the audit with responses from Mr. Minchey and Mr. Harvey.

Mr. Gene Cottrell, Inspector General of Medicaid Services, reported on the Medicaid audit and how the office can move forward to make improvements in the Medicaid program.

Mr. Sam Venous, Data Scientist, Office of the Inspector General, explained a handout that was distributed to the subcommittee on cost avoidance.

[3b1-Cost Avoidance Definition - 6-19-2018](#)

[3b2-OIG Examples - 6-19-2018](#)

Sen. Anderegg commented on Medicaid cost avoidance and asked why the Office of the Inspector General cannot join with the Auditor's Office with a response from Mr. Cottrell.

Mr. Nate Johansen, Deputy Inspector, Office of the Inspector General, responded to the reason why his office cannot be put under the Auditor's Office.

Sen. Harper asked Mr. Minchey to explain to the committee why it was suggested that the Office of Inspector General be put under the State Auditor's Office. Mr. Minchey responded.

Sen. Hillyard, Rep. Hemingway, and Rep. Poulson, asked questions and made comments about what Medicaid is doing to help providers, with a response from Mr. Cottrell and Mr. Brian Wickle, Senior Economist, Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst.

MOTION: Sen. Anderegg moved that IGG support that Sen. Anderegg open a bill file to implement all 7 of the recommendations on page 22 of the audit, and that the draft bill be presented in the IGG meeting in October, for consideration by the committee.

Rep. Maloy and Rep. Nelson asked questions on the motion with a response from Sen. Anderegg.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to amend the motion, that the bill be drafted in Sen. Anderegg's name. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 6 .

Yeas-12

Sen. J. Anderegg
Rep. W. Brooks
Sen. D. Buxton
Rep. G. Froerer
Rep. C. Hall
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. L. Hemingway
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. A. Maloy
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. M. Poulson

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. D. Pitcher
Rep. M. Schultz

Rep. Nelson announced a point of order, that the vote was on the motion to amend, not Representative Anderegg's motion.

Sen. Anderegg's motion that IGG support opening a bill file in Sen. Anderegg's name, to implement all 7 of the recommendations on page 22 of the audit, and that the draft bill be presented in the IGG meeting in October, for consideration by the committee. passed with a vote of 11 - 1 - 6 .

Yeas-11

Sen. J. Anderegg
Rep. W. Brooks
Sen. D. Buxton
Rep. G. Froerer
Rep. C. Hall
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. L. Hemingway
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. A. Maloy
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. M. Poulson

Nays-1

Rep. M. Nelson

Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. D. Pitcher
Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Sen. Anderegg moved to approve the minutes of February 9, 2018 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 6 .

Yeas-12

Sen. J. Anderegg
Rep. W. Brooks
Sen. D. Buxton
Rep. G. Froerer
Rep. C. Hall
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. L. Hemingway
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. A. Maloy
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. M. Poulson

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
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3 . Highway 6 Improvements

Mr. Wikle introduced a presentation on Highway 6 Improvements and referred to the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) for the presentation.

Mr. Carlos Braceras, Executive Director, UDOT and Ms. Terri Newell, Deputy Director, UDOT, gave a presentation on Highway 6 Improvements.

Sen. Hillyard asked about passing signs in Logan Canyon with a response from Mr. Braceras.

Rep. Poulson asked about the reason for the Highway 6 improvements with a response from Mr. Braceras.

Rep. Nelson asked about the passing lane on Highway 6 with a response from Mr. Braceras.

Rep. Froerer asked about the port of entry project. Mr. Braceras responded.

4 . Water and Transportation Infrastructure Demand

Mr. Wickle referred to performance audit documents and reported on Water and Transportation Infrastructure Demands.

[5-Water and Transportation Infrastructure Demand - 6-19-2018](#)

Sen. Anderegg asked about the funding of secondary water metering and bonding projects. Rep. Froerer, Sen. Harper, and Sen. Hillyard responded. Mr. Wickle continued his presentation.

5 . State Agency Space Utilization

Mr. Mortenson introduced the status report on Space Utilization.

Mr. Jim Russell, Director, Division of Facilities Construction and Management (DFCM) and Ms. Sarah Boll, High Performance Building Program Director, DFCM, gave a presentation on a space utilization study and implementation plan. Ms. Boll introduced Ms. Kathy Wheaton, Principal at CSRA Architects. Ms. Wheaton and her team have helped on this study.

[6a-Space Utilization - 6-18-2018](#)

Sen. Mayne, Sen. Buxton, and Sen. Hillyard made comments on funding frustrations of space utilization needs with a response from Mr. Russell.

Mr. Russell continued his presentation and reported on leasing versus ownership.

[6c-Leasing versus Ownership - 6-19-2018](#)

Sen. Anderegg asked about building to a 50-year standard. Mr. Russell responded.

Rep. Nelson asked about leasing versus owning on a particular building with a response from Mr. Russell.

Rep. Maloy asked about the best utilization of buildings-leasing versus ownership. Mr. Russell responded.

6 . Construction Standards for State Buildings

Vice Chair Brooks introduced Construction Standards for State Buildings.

Mr. Russell gave a presentation on construction standards.

[7-Construction Standards - 6-19-2018](#)

Sen. Anderegg asked for clarification on the life cycle of building with a response from Mr. Russell. Mr. Russell continued with his presentation.

Sen. Anderegg asked about the "request for state funding" form with a response and comments from Sen. Buxton and Sen. Harper. Mr. Russell continued with his presentation.

Vice Chair Brooks gave some summary remarks.

7 . Other Business

There was no other business.

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to adjourn.

Vice Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 11:08 A.M.